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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hideji Tajima et al.

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For:

Reaction Vessel and Reaction Apparatus

Group Art Unit: unknown

Examiner: unknown

Confirmation No. 2258

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner of Patents

P. O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

I. Introductory Comments

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Preliminary Amendment prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified application.

A Response to Notice to File Missing Parts (with required Petition for Extension of Time) is being filed concurrently herewith, and includes an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney, and an English Translation of the specification (with required Translation Certificate).

Enclosed is a check in payment of fees associated with the Response to Missing Parts (surcharges and extension) and fees associated with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment (extra claims). If any additional fees, including extension of time fees are necessary for the consideration of the enclosed, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.